



**Chievres / SHAPE
Better Opportunities
for
Single Servicemembers (BOSS)
6 November 2003 - Minutes**

"Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers"

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Attendance roster.
2. The Chievres/SHAPE BOSS program web site: www.80asg.army.mil/boss.htm is your place for the latest information on BOSS happenings. All Unit BOSS Reps are asked to visit and encourage unit members to check out the site. As a reminder, the official BOSS email address is: 80asgboss@benelux.army.mil. Mail for this box goes to several BOSS members and is checked daily. This email address can be used by anyone to pass along information, make suggestions, or to request information.
3. For all new Unit BOSS Representatives an additional duty appointment memo needs to be completed and turned into CSM Rogers. If anyone needs a template of the memo contact SSG Franco via email betty.franco@benelux.army.mil or DSN 361-5562.
4. **SHAPE Girl Scouts** is looking for scout leaders, male and/or female applicants may fill these positions. Contact Melinda Corey at shapegirlscouts@mac.com.
5. **Sumo Suits** – to rent the BOSS Sumo Suits is \$50 or 50€ per day. Personnel renting the suits are required to provide their own mats. Get the word out to your units. Anyone interested can contact SSG Franco via email: betty.franco@benelux.army.mil or DSN 361-5562.
6. Don't forget to have SPC Valenzuela to sign you off on your **"Volunteer Card"** for your hours of community services event that you volunteered for. If you need a card, please see him to get yours soon.
7. **Halloween Party** – 2200-0130 (Friday) **31 October 2003** at the IC Club. This event was a success. Turnout was excellent and the Committee headed by SPC Tran, SGT Guidry, SGT McDaniel, Monica Tingle and the other volunteers did an excellent Job., thank you
Suggestions from SPC Tran for future committees to give more detail on what is expected from the committee, how to plan an event.
8. **Toy Drive** - (Thursday) **6 November 2003**. Flyers delivered today for distribution and delivery to the housing areas. The following individuals have volunteered to deliver flyers on 6 November and p/u gifts on (Saturday) 22 November 2003: SPC Tran (USANATO), Casteau Housing; SPC Tillman (RSGS), Maisieres Housing; SPC Emerson (80th ASG), Green Park Housing; SPC Valenzuela (USAHC SHAPE), Lens Housing; and (possibly) CSM Figueroa, Ghlin. Please give your units a heads up on this toy drive; all toy donations will be for the Orphanage Christmas Party. POC is SPC Valenzuela anyone interested in helping let him know.
9. **Boy Scout Belt Loop Bonanza** – (Saturday) **8 November 2003**. Thank you for the volunteers that showed for this event. The Boy Scouts were very appreciative of your help. Please contact SSG Houston for your certificates. 423-4688. houstona@650mi.shape.army.mil
10. **Bluewater Mall** – (Saturday) **15 November 2003**. The bus will be leaving the GB parking lot at 0600 and will leave the Bluewater Mall at 1900. There will be approximately 75 seats available. People who are seriously interested need to let their BOSS reps know ASAP seats will run out. Price is 5€ for BOSS personnel 10€ for Non BOSS personnel . BOSS reps

the POC is SSG Franco, give her the names of people you have and they'll pay at the bus the day of.

11. Toy Drive Gift Wrapping Party– (Tuesday) 25 November 2003 @ 1600 - ? This will be to wrap all of the toys that will be collected on the drive. *This is a good and noble cause volunteer work is needed and will be greatly appreciated.* If you or anyone you know would like to help contact SPC Valenzuela. For anyone that would like to drop off their donations they may do so at the Chievres Library during the timeframe of 15-19 November donations may be dropped off at the Chievres kennel.

11.

12. Koln, Germany Christmas Market – (Saturday) 29 November 2003. There will be approximately 40-50 seats available. Price will be 5€. Anyone seriously interested let your BOSS reps know ASAP.

13. Christmas Tree Lighting – (Friday) 5 December 2003, at Chievres, more details to follow after the 15 November 2003 committee meeting with SGT McDaniel and CSM Rogers; volunteers are still needed.

14.. Visit to Children's Hospital (Ath) – (Friday) 5 December 2003 @ 1030. Uniform will be full service dress. We need SM for this visit.

15. Christmas Bizarre Gift Wrapping – 5 December 2003. Volunteers are needed for this event, as well as donations of gift wrapping paper. Specific times still to follow. Anyone interested let your BOSS reps know.

16. BOSS End of Year Dinner – (Saturday) 6 December 2003. Location will be La Pamador, in downtown Mons, with the whole upstairs seating available for BOSS only, giving us a nice view of the Grand Place. Dinner will be paid for by BOSS for BOSS SM only. (If you sign up and don't go you have to pay.) Start time will be 1900. RSVP list is needed NLT 26 November 2003. BOSS reps be sure to disseminate within you units.

17. Nursing/Retirement Home (Chievres) – (Monday) 15 December 2003. POC is SGT McDaniel.

18. Orphanage Christmas Party – (Wednesday) 17 December 2003. Will be held at the CAC on Chievres. Looking for alternative location due to CAC construction.

19. Sea Shell Chocolate Sale – December/February. BOSS is looking into starting the Sea Shell Chocolate sale in December at the Christmas Bizarre (5-6 December) and then again for Valentine's Day in February. Quantity quote is needed by 20 November.

20. Valentine's Day in Paris – (Saturday) 14 February 2004. BOSS is working on a one-day trip to Paris. Plan is to leave later then usual (about 1000) and return later then usual (about 22-2300) to give people a chance to enjoy a nice romantic dinner in Paris. More info to follow.

NEW BUSINESS

21. Ski Trip Garmisch– 24-26 January 2004. \$179. per person. Double Occupancy Fee may change due to transportation costs. POC SSG Houston, SSGt Prioleau alternate.

22. The next BOSS meeting will be Thursday 20 November 2003 @ 1330 in the SHAPE Library Conference room.

FINAL REVIEW OF UPCOMING EVENTS

6 Nov 03 – Toy Drive Kickoff
8 Nov 03 – Boy Scout Belt Loop Bonanza
15 Nov 03 - Bluewater Mall, London
29 Nov 03 – Koln, Germany Christmas Market
5 Dec 03 – Christmas Bizarre Gift Wrapping
5 Dec 03 – Christmas Tree Lighting
6 Dec 03 – End of Year Dinner
Children’s Hospital and Nursing Home Visit
Orphanage Christmas Party
XMAS Chocolate candy sale
19 – 21 Jan 04 – Ski Trip Garmisch
14 Feb 04 – Valentine’s Day in Paris

FYI:

- ♦ BOSS funds can sponsor/pay for SM in the following categories: single soldiers, single parents, geographical bachelors and young married soldiers without children. However, guests may attend/participate in all events and certain trips regardless of marital status.
- ♦ Profits go toward paying for BOSS Trips or at least alleviate some of the cost.
- ♦ BOSS Volunteer Card- POC-SPC Valenzuela. Benefit- \$2 off depending on how many hours are volunteered. TBD

Welcome to our new BOSS Reps

BOSS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

UNITS BOSS REPS

RSGS - SGT Guidry / SPC Perry
39th SIG - SGT McDaniel / SGT Walker
80th ASG - SSG Hoffman / SPC Emerson
AF Element - SSgt Prioleau / SSgt Wilson
650th MI – SPC Davis
EUCOM Survey – IS1 Brown

OFFICERS

CSM Rogers – Senior Enlisted Advisor
SSG Houston -President
SSgt Prioleau - Vice President
IS1 Brown – Treasurer
SPC Valenzuela - Secretary
Eric Popp - MWR

VET Clinic – PV2 Escalante

Navy Element - YN2 Sosa

309th Airlift Squadron –SrA Tingle/ A1C Carriger

AFN – SPC Colon

SHF – SPC Valenzuela / SGT Charron

USANATO – SPC Candler / SPC Tran

BFO – SGT Ferdinand

